

6. In determining the location for the 2021 WFC, my company decided in 2019 to host the 2021 WFC in Atlanta, Georgia because the 2021 MLB's All-Star Game was set to be held in Truist Park. We also selected the dates of July 12 through July 17, 2021, for the event to correspond with the 2021 All Star-Game.

7. I worked with the Atlanta Braves to plan and coordinate the details of the 2021 WFC event for over a year.

8. The opening ceremony of the 2021 WFC was set to be hosted in Truist Park during the All-Star Game events. Additionally, coaches' meetings and opening day festivities were scheduled at Truist Park at the same time as the 2021 All-Star Game.

9. I promoted the 2021 WFC as an event that would take place at the same time and in the same location as the 2021 All-Star Game.

10. In anticipation and preparation of this event, I purchased season tickets to the Braves 2021 season to be eligible to buy All-Star Game tickets for my event guests.

11. The MLB's decision to move the game out of Atlanta impacted my business in a negative, devastating and material way. Almost immediately after news of the MLB's decision broke, teams dropped out of the WFC event. There was no longer a compelling reason for them to come to Atlanta to participate in the 2021 WFC because the All-Star Game was no longer taking place there.

12. Additionally, the MLB's decision to move the All-Star Game out of Atlanta cancelled the opening ceremonies of the 2021 WFC. Without an All-Star Game, there are no opening ceremonies. I am currently working to find a new location for the opening ceremony events.

13. Prior to the MLB's decision to move the 2021 All-Star Game out of Atlanta, my company estimated that the 2021 revenue from the 2021 WFC would increase by approximately 20% from that of 2019 (which totaled \$200,000). However, this has now drastically decreased.

14. My company charges a \$1,200 entry fee per team, and a \$10 entry fee for fans to attend the WFC. Originally, 125 teams were signed up to play in the game. Now, only 40 teams are currently signed up.

15. My company's revenue is down 70% from prior years because of the MLB's decision to move the game out of Atlanta.

16. I strongly oppose the MLB's decision to move the game out of Atlanta, and I support the 2021 All-Star Game being moved back to Atlanta.

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